

## CITY OF VANCOUVER

SPECIAL COUNCIL - AUGUST 1st, 1974

A Special Meeting of the Council of the City of Vancouver was held in No. 1 Committee Room, Third Floor, City Hall on Thursday, August 1st, 1974 at 9:30 a.m. to discuss Local Area Planning.

PRESENT: Mayor Phillips  
Aldermen Bowers, Gibson, Hardwick,  
Linnell, Marzari, Pendakur and Rankin

ABSENT: Aldermen Harcourt and Volrich  
Alderman Massey (Leave of Absence)

CLERK TO  
THE COUNCIL: M. Cross

MOVED BY Ald. Linnell  
SECONDED BY Ald. Pendakur

THAT this Council do resolve itself into Committee of the Whole, Mayor Phillips in the Chair, to consider the matter of Local Area Planning.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

The Mayor advised that at the Council meeting of July 9th, 1974 the question of Local Area Planning and Staffing of the Planning Department was referred to a Special Meeting of Council for full discussion. By memorandum of July 11th, the Mayor requested the Director of Planning, the City Engineer and the Director of Social Planning to provide him with comments on local area planning. These comments had been distributed prior to the meeting.

A memorandum from the Mayor dated July 31st, 1974, containing recommendations which co-incided with most of those he had received from staff, was distributed at the meeting.

Discussion followed with respect to the 'pre-planning', 'planning' and 'implementation' processes. It was agreed that the time limit to be imposed would be related to the 'planning' process only.

The Mayor stated that his memorandum of July 31st reflected the three processes as follows:

pre-planning - Step 1  
planning - Steps 2 - 6  
implementation - Step 7.

With respect to identifying needs and problems, it was stated that the best method of obtaining public opinion is by the use of surveys but in order to get a survey that shows no bias, it should be done either by an independent market analysis firm or a task force of officials to see that biases are balanced. It was felt that the Social Planning Department should be assigned the task of preparing surveys. The Director of Social Planning stated that he was willing to have the Planning Department the Department responsible for neighbourhood planning and the co-ordination of the identification of needs and problems but he wanted assurance that his Department would still be allowed to initiate research projects and pass the information along to Council.

"Steps in the Planning Process" as outlined in the Mayor's memorandum of July 31st were considered and the following action

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was taken:

MOVED by Ald. Linnell

THAT the Planning Department, through the Community Development Committee, co-ordinate the identification of needs and problems, including questionnaires and/or surveys, with input from members of Council and consultation with local citizens and citizens groups.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOVED by Ald. Linnell

THAT Council, with the advice of the Board of Administration, decide on objectives, exact area of study, schedule, budget and advisability of opening a neighbourhood office, in consultation with local citizens and citizen groups.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOVED by Ald. Hardwick

THAT Council formally establish an Advisory Planning Committee of local citizens, with clear Terms of Reference.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOVED by Ald. Pendakur

THAT alternative recommendations be prepared for various objectives, in co-operation with the Advisory Committee and Civic Departments, and made available to citizens for information and comment.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOVED by Ald. Linnell

THAT a Task Force of senior officials from several civic departments, co-ordinated by the Board of Administration, review the recommended alternatives.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOVED by Ald. Pendakur

THAT the report from the Task Force on recommended alternatives be submitted to the Advisory Committee for review.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOVED by Ald. Pendakur

THAT Council make decisions based on all available information.

FURTHER THAT minority views from all advisory bodies be presented to Council.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOVED by Ald. Pendakur

THAT when the neighbourhood planning process is completed, the Planning Department continue its normal servicing of the neighbourhood.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Pre-Planning

Planning

Implementation

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Consideration was given to the recommendations set out in the first page of the Mayor's memorandum of July 31st and the following action was taken:

MOVED by Ald. Gibson

THAT the Planning Department be the department responsible for neighbourhood planning.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOVED by Ald. Pendakur

THAT Council, on advice of the Planning Department and the Community Development Committee, make the selection of neighbourhoods.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOVED by Ald. Marzari

THAT the target for completion of the planning process be one year, as described in the 'Steps in the Planning Process', previously approved this day.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOVED by Ald. Hardwick

THAT consideration of the number of neighbourhood planning programmes to be undertaken at any one time be deferred pending a report from the Director of Planning having regard to the comments made this day.

FURTHER THAT the questions of staffing of the Planning Department and budget requirements be referred to the Board of Administration and the Planning Department for further report.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOVED by Ald. Linnell

THAT the Committee rise and report.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOVED by Ald. Pendakur  
SECONDED by Ald. Linnell

THAT the report of the Committee of the Whole be adopted.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The meeting adjourned at approximately 11:45 a.m.

The foregoing are Minutes of the Special Council Meeting of August 1, 1974, adopted on August 13, 1974.

A. Phillips  
MAYOR

B. J. Linnell  
CITY CLERK